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Ace of Diamond

激闘の地区大会決勝戦終盤。
たった一つのプレーが
試合の形勢を変える切迫した場面が
稲実エースと青道4番の対決、新
どちらも譲れない闘いが繰り広
そして迎える最終回(ラストイング)——。
甲子園の切符を賭けた最

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エース

青道高校メンバー

丹波光一郎

ピッチャー

変化球が持ち味の投手。死球で負傷したものの予選4回戦で復帰。三年生。

片岡鉄心

部員達を心から信頼し、時には熱く、そして厳しく指導する鬼監督。

川上憲史

ピッチャー

リリーフ経験豊富な抑えの投手。気の弱いところがある。二年生。

降谷暁

ピッチャー

剛速球が武器の投手で打撃力も怪物クラス。持久力に課題あり一年生。

沢村栄純

ピッチャー

長野の弱小チーム出身。熱くて涙もろい。気持ちで戦う投手。出所の見えないクセ球が持ち味。一年生。

増子透

サード

パワー系スラッガー。巨漢だが温厚で無口。沢村と同室。三年生

小湊亮介

セカンド

青道一の技巧派プレーヤー。見た目と裏腹に毒舌。三年生。

結城哲也

ファースト

青道高校野球部主将。プレーでチームを引っ張るタイプ。三年生。

御幸一也

キャッチャー

投手の才能を引き出せる天才捕手。稲実・成宮に誘われた過去も。二年生。

白州健二郎

無口で控えめな性格で攻守とも堅実。川上とは親友。二年生

伊佐敷 純

強肩強打、すべてがフルスイング。見た目も口調も怖い。三年生

坂井 一郎

真面目で努力型。道具の手入れ、日々の自主練も怠らない。三年生。

倉持 洋一

沢村と同室。沢村をイメるのが好き。鉄壁の守備力。二年生。

原田 雅功

キャッチャー

キャプテン。稲実打線の主砲。三年生。

滝川・クリス・優

野球知識豊富で的確に後輩を指導。沢村が崇拝する先輩。三年生。

小湊 春市

秀逸なバットコントロールで代打起用されることも。小湊亮介は兄。一年生。

稲城実業高校

神谷カルロス俊樹

稲実打線リードオフマン。俊足を誇る。二年生。

白河 勝之

エンドランにバントと何でもこなす。二年生。

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ピッチャー

成宮 鳴

関東No.1サウスポー。自信家で負けず嫌いな絶対的エース。二年生。

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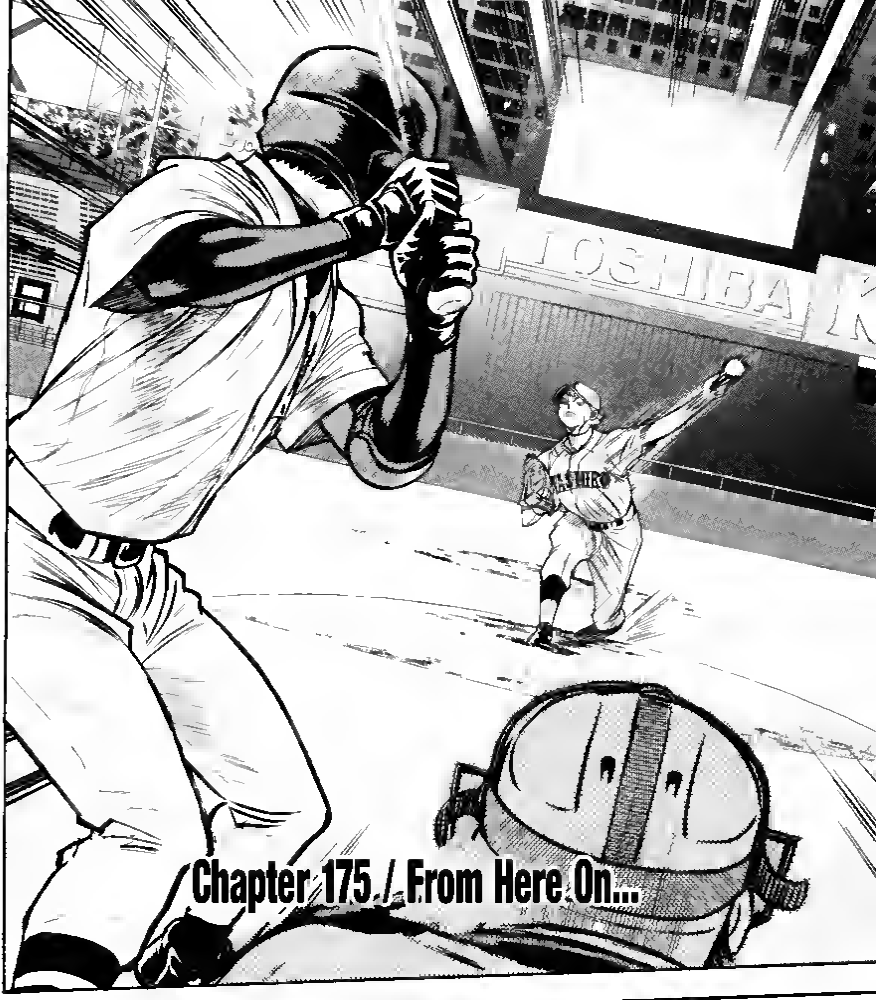
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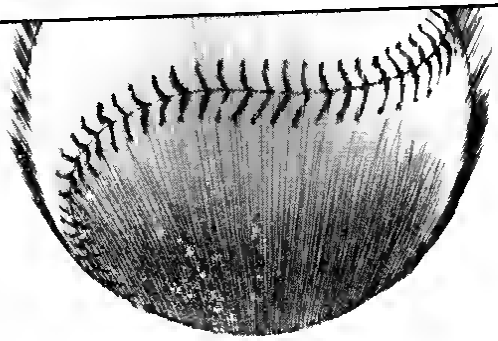

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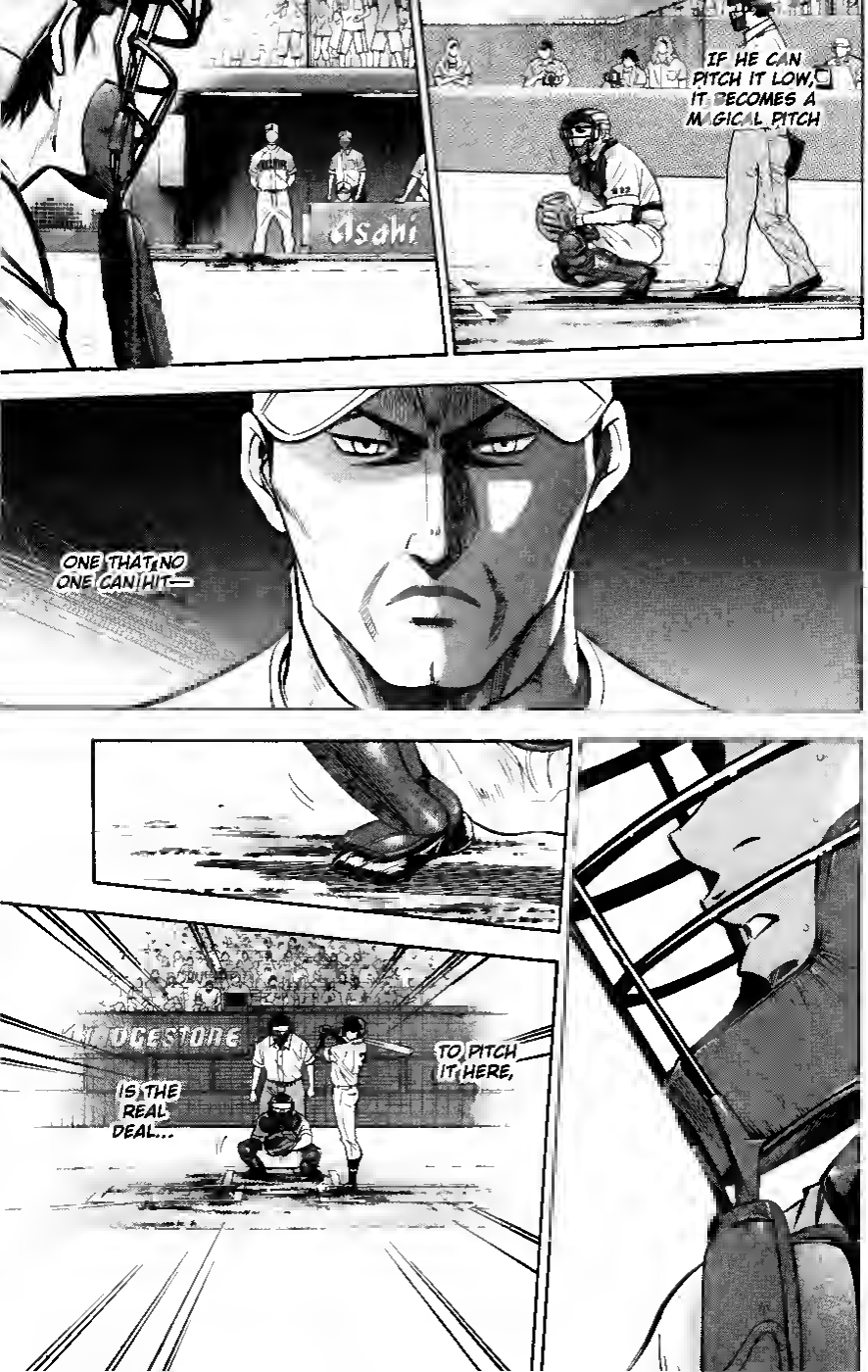
THE 5TH PITCH—
ANOTHER FOUL.

THE MAIN BATTER CONTINUES TO TAKE ON THE RELENTLESSLY AGGRESSIVE PITCHES.
THE COUNT IS STILL
SO HE'S PITCHING THAT CLOSE...!!
TETSU-SAN KEEPS HITTING BALLS...
HE MANAGES TO HIT IT, BE IT A FORKBALL OR BAITING HIGH PITCH

MEI'S FAST-BALLS ARE UNDISPUTEDLY FAST...
TO MAKE USE OF THAT FULLY...
... PITCH A CHANGEUP.
THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL IN MY LEAD...
BUT... IF WE USE THIS PITCH TO INCREASE THE COUNT, IT MIGHT FLOAT UPWARDS...
TOSHIBA

MASA-SAN..
IT'S THE ONLY OPTION LEFT...
YASHIN
I WANNA PITCH.
I WANNA PITCH.
I WANNA PITCH.
I WANNA PITCH.
I WANNA PITCH.
I WANNA PITCH.
I WANNA PITCH.
I WANNA PITCH.
I WANNA PITCH.
I WANNA PITCH.
I WANNA PITCH.
HAVEN'T WE BEEN PRACTIC-ING ALL THE WHILE?
TO OVERCOME THIS KIND OF SITUATION AT KOSHIEN.
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THE COUNT...
INDEED ...

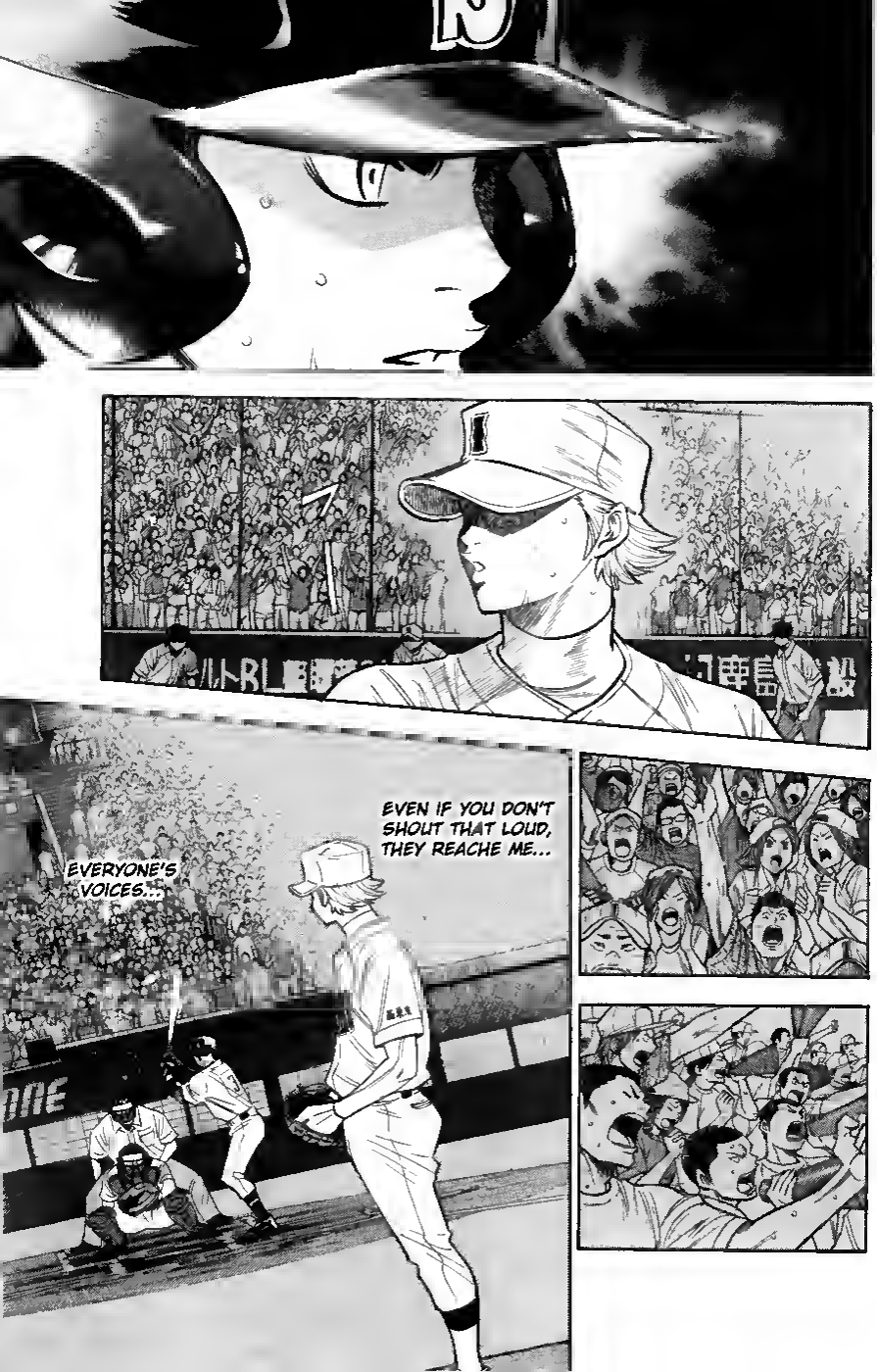

Asahi
IF HE CAN PITCH IT LOW, IT BECOMES A MAGICAL PITCH
ONE THAT NO ONE CAN HIT—
BRIDGESTONE
IS THE REAL DEAL...
TO PITCH IT HERE,

I PITCH IT HERE.
AND IT WILL BE THE TRUE WINNING SHOT.
IF IT ISN'T LOW-ENOUGH
I'LL BEAT YOU UP LATER..!!

TETSU
-SAN —

YES... THIS IS THE CONSEN- -SUS OF THE 3RD YEARS...
HUH... I AM AP- POINTED AS CAPTAIN?
I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO BRING THIS TEAM, WITH ITS DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES, TOGETHER...
YOU JUST NEED TO LEAD THEM WITH YOUR OWN PLAY.
ONE MORE BALL...
PLEASE... COACH...
WHAT'S WRONG — YOU DONE?

THIS IS THE TEAM YOU LED...
PUT EVERYTHING INTO THIS SINGLE SWING —
FOR 3 YEARS, YOU CONTINUED TO POLISH YOUR BATTING...


EVERYONE'S VOICES...
EVEN IF YOU DON'T SHOUT THAT LOUD, THEY REACHE ME...

I'M THE ACE...
THE ONE WHO MEETS THE TEAM AND THE SPECTATORS' EXPECTATIONS
I HAVE A HUGE DEBT TO REPAY
AT THAT PLACE...

RIGHT NOW, RIGHT HERE
FINISH THIS PITCH—
WE

WILL GO
TO KOSHIEN

CHAN..
CHANGEUP—
HIS FORM IS BROKEN—
YOSH...

FROM HERE ON—

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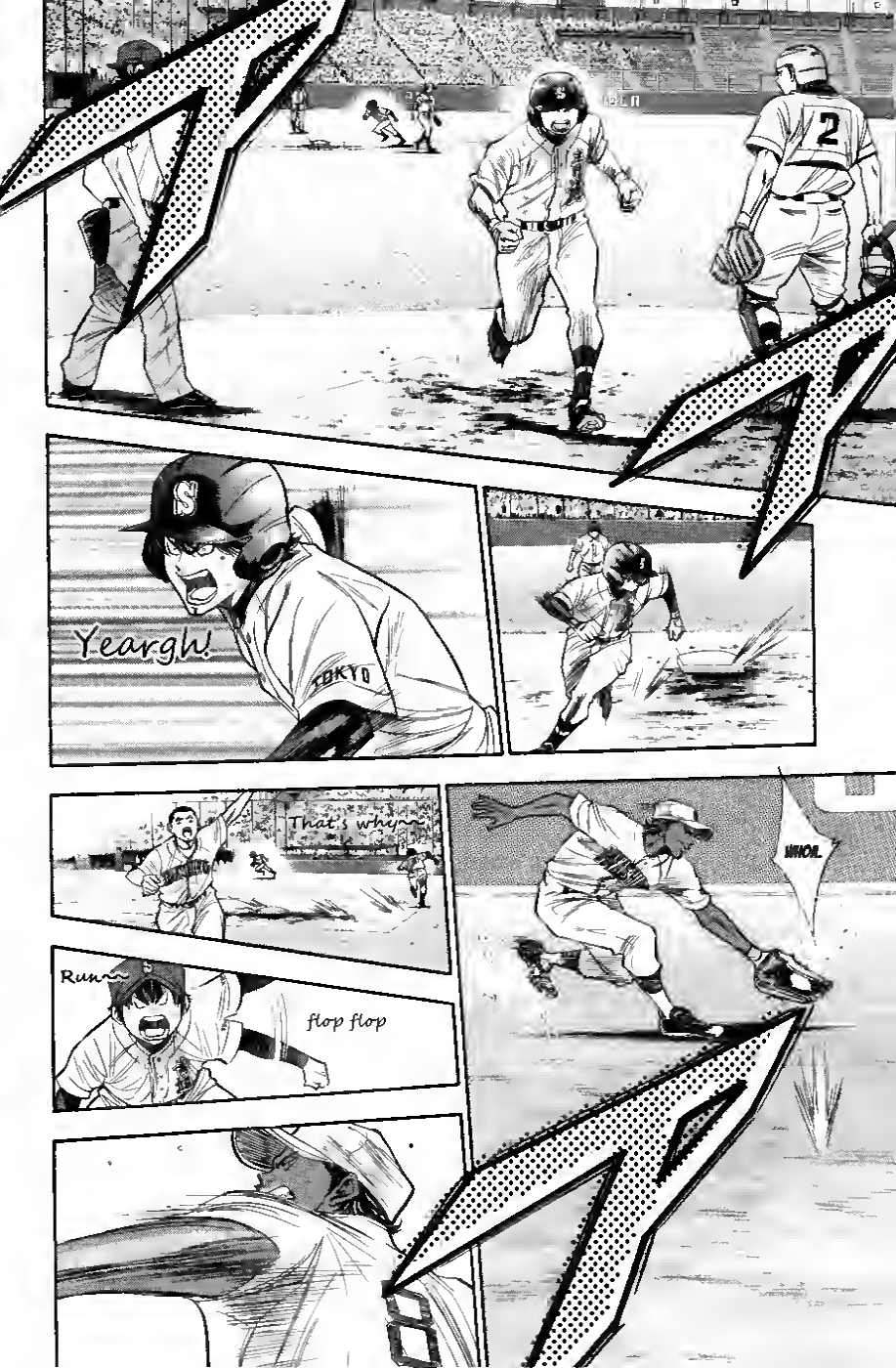
CHAPTER 176 /
CAN'T REMEMBER
CSK
TOSHIBA
KIRIN
タフマン
Uniden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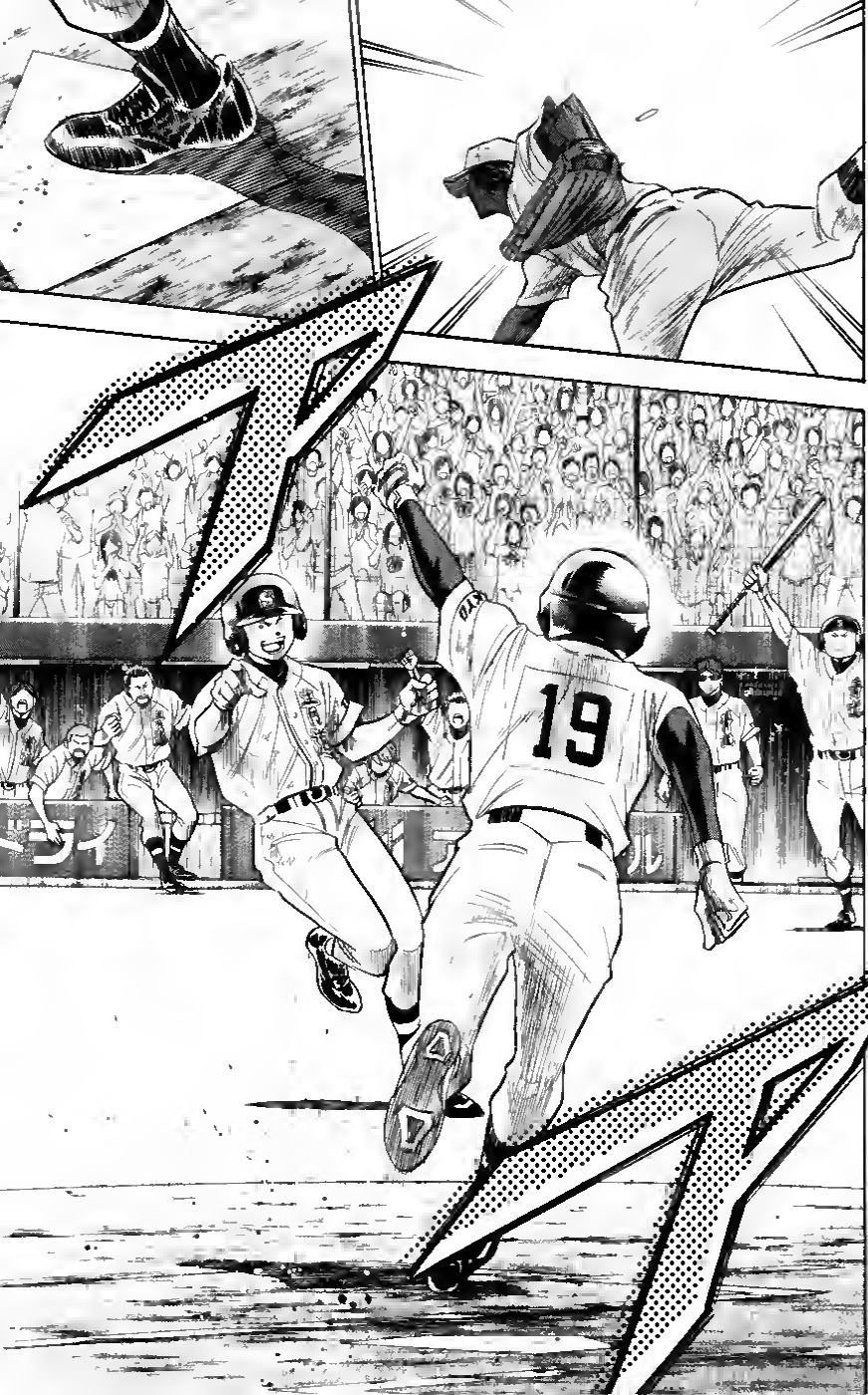
Yeargh!
TOKYO
That's why~
Run~
flop flop
UHOH.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FOLLOWING THE RUNNER FROM 3RD, THE RUNNER FROM 2ND ALSO MAKES IT HOME!
ONE HIT FROM THE 4TH BATTER
TURNED THE GAME AROUND IN ONE STRIKE—

IN THE TOP OF THE 8TH...
SEIDOU HIGH TURNS THE GAME AROUND—!!

WE WILL DEFINITELY SEND YOU TO THE MOUND.
ONCE AGAIN...

TOKYO
1
IT'S NOT OVER YET...

SEIDOU!
SEIDOU!
TETSU-SAN!
THE TRAJECTORY IS NOT BAD...
IF ONLY... IF ONLY THE PITCH WERE LOWER BY ONE MORE BALL WIDTH...
SEIDOU!
SEIDOU!
SEIDOU!
HAHA... AWESOME..

SINCE IT WAS HIT, IT CAN'T BE HELPED...
WE JUST HAVE TO THINK THAT THE BATTER IS A CUT ABOVE US!
MEI—...
WITH 2 OUTS, WATCH YOUR FIRST PITCH!
I GET IT!
A... AH, THERE ARE STILL RUNNERS
WHAT COMES NEXT IS IMPORTANT.
2
5

IT IS UNLIKELY HE'S NOT FRUSTRATED...
TOSHIBA
BUT... THAT FACE IS...
2 out—
MASUKO!
MASUKO!

MASU...
TOKYO

GO—!!
WHOA! HE HIT THE FIRST PITCH!!
Guh Carlos
AH—
WHAT A SHA-ME—!!
THE FIRST PITCH AFTER LOSING RUNS... ALTHOUGH IT WASN'T A BAD HIT.
That kid, again.

THREE OUTS! CHANGE!
SOMEHOW ACE NARUMIYA GOT THE NEXT BATTER OUT.
BUT, THEY GAVE UP 3 RUNS THIS INNING,
003
六七八九十
00
THE BATTERY MUST BE BEATING THEMSELVES UP FOR ALLOWING A CRITICAL HIT FROM SEIDOU.
MEI—...

THAT WAS SO CLOSE, NASUKO-SENPAI!
SO CLOSE!!
5
TETSU—!
TETSU-SAN!
NICE BATTING!!
Yeah!
TETSU-SAN!!

YOU'RE HOGGING THE LIMELIGHT!
DAMN YOU!!
WHAT ABOUT THE ORDERS FROM THE COACH!!
YOU HIT IT! THE CHANGEUP!
NO...
I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT I HIT...
BY THE TIME I NOTICED, I WAS ALREADY ON 2ND.

DON'T REMEMBER....
HAHA...
THIS GUY... IS AWESOME...
SO THAT'S HOW HARD HE WAS CONCENTRATING ...
I KNEW IT, I'M NO MATCH FOR YOU EVEN IF I DO A HANDSTAND!
TETSU!
What?
Huh?
NOTHING!!
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, CAPTAIN!!

I WON'T TELL ANYONE THAT YOU CRIED
Yeah~~ Defend with all you've got!
ONE MORE INNING
スーハー
YOU AND SAWAMURA WILL BE PITCHING FOR THE TWO REMAINING INNINGS.
KAWAKAMI, GET READY ..
Hmph

SAWAMURA, FOCUS!
flop
flop
flop
GET ONE FIRST!
DON'T RUSH!
nod.

EVEN THOUGH WE TURNED THE GAME AROUND, THE DIFFERENCE IS ONLY 1 RUN!
DON'T FORGET TO KEEP ATTACKING UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT!!

CHAPTER 177 / ANXIETY FACTOR

DAMN DAMN!
DAMN!
アサヒビール
DON'T MESS WITH ME!

DON'T YOU MESS WITH ME!
YOU BASTARD!!
TOSHIBA
KIRIN
七
八
九
アサヒ

AH—
MUCH BETTER!
NO, I'VE LET IT ALL OUT JUST NOW!!
On the contrary, I feel refreshed.
YOU'RE NOT FINE AT ALL.
I EXPECTED HIM TO BE MORE DISTURBED...
WE HAVEN'T LOST TO THEM.
IT'S NOT OVER YET!
WHAT . . . YOU'RE SURPRISING-LY CALM..

Get me a drink!
IT'S COMMENDABLE THAT HE DIDN'T SHOW ALL THAT ON THE MOUND...
WE STILL HAVE 2 INNINGS OF OFFENSE—...
WE WON'T LET IT END LIKE THIS...

BOTTOM OF 8TH, INASHIRO AT BAT.
6TH BATTER, 1ST BASEMAN YAMAOKA-KUN.
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Watch out for long hits!!

RIGHT... LET'S SHOUT OURSELVES HOARSE...

KOSHIEN—...
2 MORE INNINGS TO GO...
WHEN WE'RE DONE WITH 2 MORE INNINGS..
Show your guts~
I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF PLACE KOSHIEN IS...
HONESTLY...
BUT I CAN SAY THIS...
土門道

THIS SENSE OF SECURITY
THIS RELIABILITY
THIS TEAM IS INVINCIBLE...

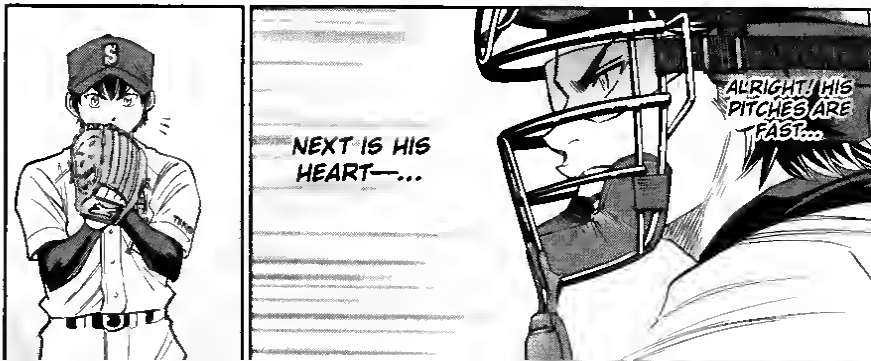
NO MATTER WHICH TEAM WE PLAY AGAINST
IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE WE CAN LOSE—
20

I REALLY CAN'T SEE THE BALL'S RELEASE POINT...
THIS IS IT...
THE FIRST PITCH IS JUST OUTSIDE!
BALL!

HE'LL POWER THROUGH THE EASY PITCHES...
THE MAIN THING TO WATCH OUT FOR WITH YAMAOKA IS HIS ABILITY TO HIT THEM LONG...
FOR THIS INNING AFTER THE TURNAROUND,
WE WILL CONTROL THE FLOW OF THE GAME IF WE PLAY THIS INNING PERFECTLY—
TOKYO

FOUL!
YOSH, KEEP IT UP!

YOU WILL MESS UP FOR SURE～～!!
YOU SHOULD KNOW IT!
BUT DON'T GET AHEAD OF YOURSELF!


NEXT IS HIS HEART—...
ALRIGHT, HIS PITCHES ARE FAST...

PITCH IT WITH FEELING—
I CAN'T GET THE TIMING
DAMN
GET 1 HIT FIRST!
DON'T LET THE BATTERY CONTROL THE RHYTHM OF THE GAME....
YAMA-OKA—!!
GO FOR IT!
HIS PITCHES ARE NOT SO FORMIDABLE THAT YOU CAN'T EVEN GRAZE THEM...

IF YOU KEEP CHASING AFTER IT
AN EASY PITCH WILL COME FOR SURE—...
TOKYO
3

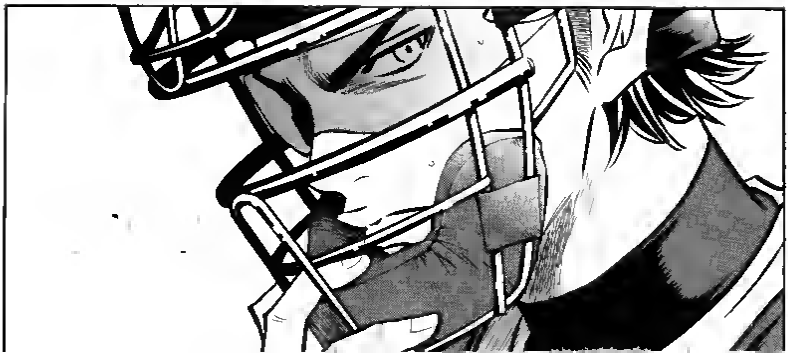
LEFT...
C...
CROSSFIRE...
青道

FURTHER! FURUYA!
STOP IT!!
ONWARD
Uniden

YEAH!
INASHIRO
IT LAND-ED—
LET'S GO!!
JUST NOW... HIS START WAS SLOW...
YEAH... ALSO HE MOVED BACK JUST NOW...
NO OUT, RUNNER AT 1ST.
hmph.
WITHOUT A MOMENT TO LOSE, INASHIRO HAS LAUNCHED THEIR COUNTER ATTACK.
THE STAGE OF THE FINALS...

INEXPERIENCED 1ST YEAR-PLAYERS...
ON THE FIELD, THERE ARE THREE...

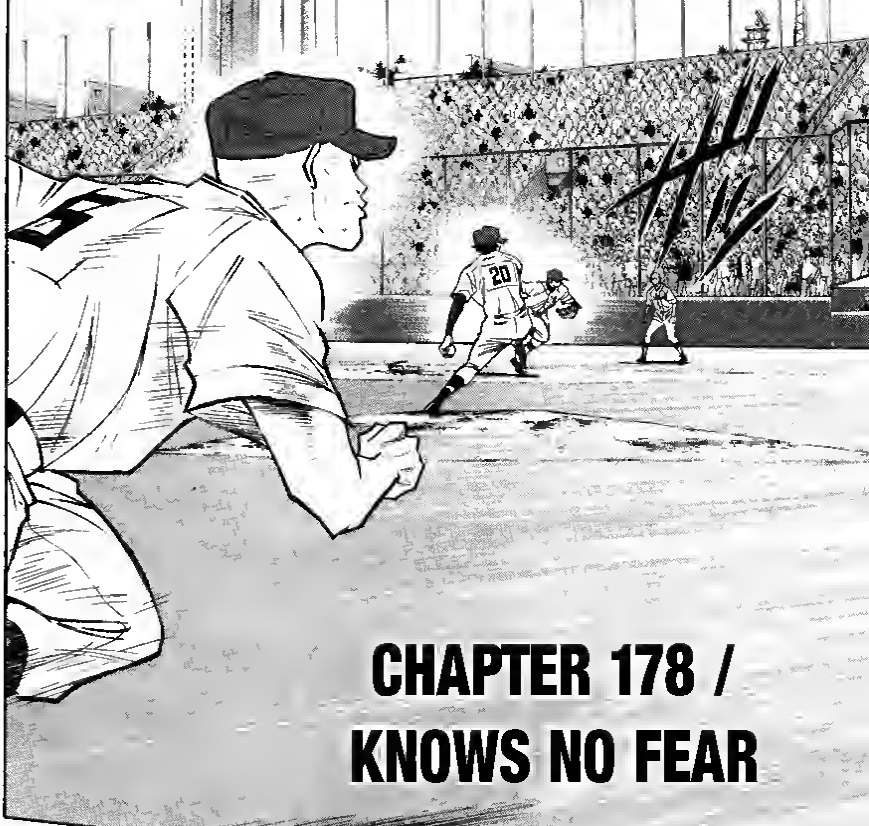
YOU LEFT TOO MANY LOOPHOLES FOR US TO EXPLOIT—



BOTTOM OF THE 8TH INNING, NO OUTS AND A RUNNER ON BASE.
7TH BATTER, 2ND BASEMAN HIRAI -KUN IN THE BOX.

YAMAOKA IS FAST. SO IT'S LIKELY TO BE A SACRIFICE BUNT...

GET OUTS SURELY AND STEADILY— ...
DON'T RUSH, SAWAMURA...



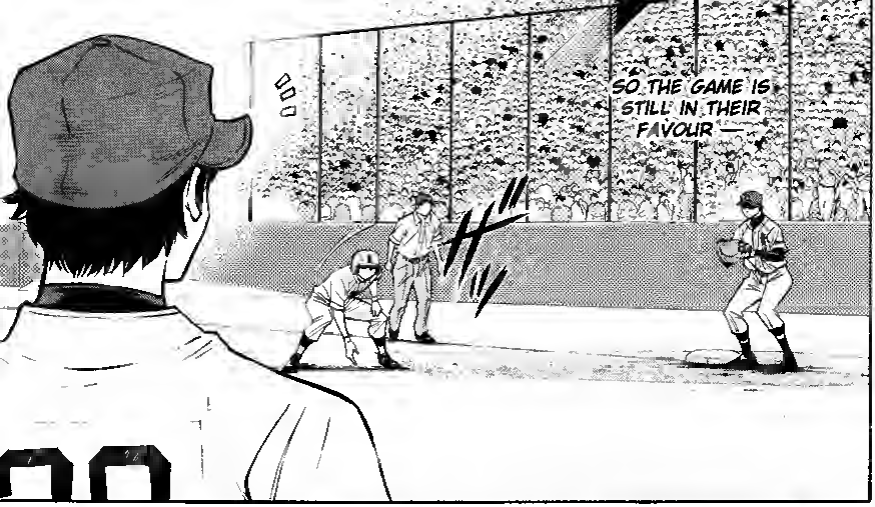
CHAPTER 178 / KNOWS NO FEAR

THROWING TO 2ND IS TOO TOUGH...
TO THIRD!
2
TOKYO
SA...
SAWAMURA...

DON'T BE SO RECKLESS...
OUT—!!

YEAAAAHHH!!!
SAWAMURA'S QUICK FIELDING...
PREVENT THE RUNNER FROM ADVANCING PAST 2ND!
SA... SAWAMURA...

IF MASUKO -SENPAI HADN'T EVADED, THEY WOULD HAVE COLLIDED...
DON'T GET ANGRY AT YOURSELVES!
1 OUT!
1 OUT! 1 OUT——!!
THAT WAS A REALLY RISKY PLAY...
IT'S GOOD THAT WE GOT AN OUT...
ALTHOUGH THIS IS THE PLAY OF A 1ST YEAR PLAYER WHO KNOWS NO FEAR,
THE RESULTS ARE WHAT MATTERS...



T/N: DISTANCE BETWEEN BASE RUNNER AND BASE

パン！

AN ARROW-LIKE THROW FROM HOME.
WOW!
1ST BASE RUNNER BARELY MADE IT BACK TO BASE.
BUT...
THAT WAS CLOSE... WHAT A THROW!

THERE'S NO WAY WE'RE BACKING OFF...
Hmph...
Hmph...

YOU GUYS WON'T BACK OFF THAT EASILY...
WELL...
LEAVE THE RUNNER TO ME...
YOU SEND...

STONE
YOUR BEST PITCH...
RIGHT HERE
IT'S TO THE INSIDE CORNER, SOYOGI...

SOMEHOW HE IS STILL AIMING FOR THE INSIDE CORNER
THIS PITCHER DOES NOT HAVE THE CONTROL TO PITCH IT TO THE CORNER
20
DON'T LET THIS FEARLESS 1ST YEAR GET ANY FURTHER AHEAD OF HIMSELF
UNBELIEVABLE.
THIS GUY ...
WANTING SOMETHING WE HAVEN'T PRACTICED.
THIS KIND OF PITCH IN THIS SITUATION...

GET HIM!!
GO— SAWAMURA!
YEARGH!
PITCH IT YOUR WAY!
BUT— ...
THAT SIGN MEANS HE TRUSTS ME...

I WILL...
DEFINITELY SEND IT IN
TOKYO
20
TOSHIBA

JUST WHAT I WANT —
AN INSIDE CORNER...

INASHIRO
盛東京

DOUBLE PLAY!
THREE OUTS! CHANGE!!
WHAT...
WAS THAT PITCH JUST NOW —
YEAAAHHH!!!!

CHAPTER 179 / HEAT AND SPIRIT

BOTTOM OF 8TH INNING, INASHIRO TECHNICAL IS STILL SCORELESS——
しゃあ あ
ALTHOUGH THE LEADOFF BATTER GOT ON BASE, THEIR OFFENSE ENDED WITH JUST 3 PLAYERS—— !!
THAT PITCH JUST NOW...
DAMN...
CUTTING AGAIN AT THAT ANGLE...!?

COULD IT BE, THAT 1ST YEAR...
PITCHED A CUTTER —
YOSH, YOSH, YOSH—
YOSH—
SEIDOU!
SEIDOU!

EVEN THOUGH I FEEL GOOD ABOUT IT TOO.
HOW'S MY PITCH JUST NOW!?
HOW IS IT!?
OR JUST THAT HE'S GOT GUTS...
DOES THIS MEAN THAT HE'S STRONG IN ACTUAL SITUATIONS...
THE BEST SO FAR!! A FLAWLESS PITCH.
ELIJIN-KUN, NICE PITCH!

SAWA ~~~
MURA ~~~
WHAT'S ...WITH THAT FACE...
NICE PITCH, YOU BASTARD!!
FINE FINE
HYAHAHA!
DON'T GET AHEAD OF YOURSELF, DAMN YOU——!!
OUCH!
WHO KNEED ME JUST NOW!!
JUST 1 INNING LEFT...THE TABLES HAVE TURNED COMPLETELY.
YEA...

THE ONE WHO CREATED THIS ADVANTAGE, IS UNDOUBTEDLY —..
THIS GAME DEVELOPMENT IS NOT SOMETHING INASHIRO HAD EXPECTED
AT THE TOP OF 8TH INNING, THE ACE NARUMIYA -KUN,
LOST 3 RUNS UNEXPECTEDLY
ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT COMPLETELY ALIKE
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN RELIEF PITCHER FIT IN THE GAME PERFECTLY...
IN SUCH AN INSTANTANEOUS VICTORY SHOWDOWN,

HIS ABILITY IS...
JUST LIKE THE NARUMIYA-KUN WHO STOOD IN SEIDOU'S WAY LAST YEAR—
青道
1
THAT BATTERY
USED A PITCH THEY ARE NOT COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH IN THIS SITUATION...
A CUTTER?
THERE'S NO DATA ON THAT PITCH...
INASHIRO

HMPH...ISN'T IT JUST A CO-INCIDENCE HE SENT THAT PITCH THERE?
NASHI
MEI—
...
CAN THEY GO TO KOSHIEN WITH JUST A FLUKE?

NICE BALL!
IT'S FAST, IGUCHI -SAN.
NO MATTER WHAT THE SITUATION IS LIKE, HE IS ABLE TO PITCH ACCORDING TO HIS STYLE...
IGUCHI-SAN IS A 3RD YEAR. HE HAS A STRONG DETERMINATION TOWARDS HIS LAST CHAMPIONSHIP...
TOP OF 9TH INNING, SEIDOU IN THE OF-FENSE.
TO ENTER THE FINAL INNING WHILE LAGGING BEHIND, AT 1 RUN...
BUT...I DIDN'T EXPECT OUR TEAM...

6TH BATTER CATCHER MIYUKI AT-BAT.
SEN, HIT IT---HIT IT---
ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO RUNNERS,
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN AROUND THIS GUY..
IN THE FINAL INNING, THE ONE STANDING ON THE MOUND,
IS ACE NARUMIYA-KUN.
TOSHIBA

THEY ARE LOSING OUT BUT IT'S JUST A ONE-RUN LEAD...
IN ORDER TO STAKE EVERYTHING IN THEIR OFFENSE DURING THE BOTTOM INNING, THEY HAVE TO FINISH THIS INNING PROPERLY.

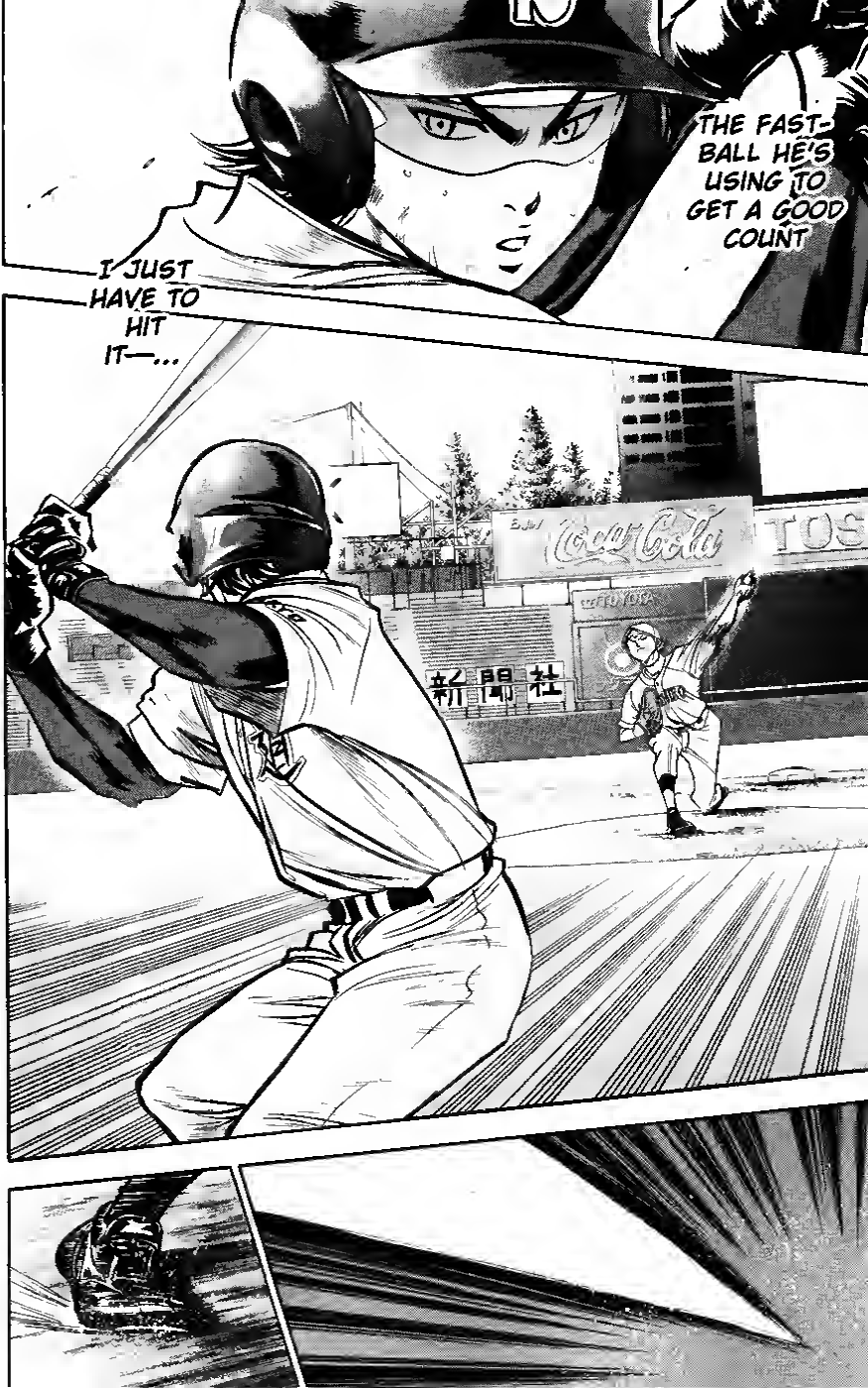
IN THE PREVIOUS INNING, MASUKO GOT A GOOD HIT OFF HIM.

NARUMIYA WILL CONTINUE PITCHING

OF COURSE! HE IS THEIR ONLY ACE!
BUT... ISN'T HE SHAKEN UP BY THAT?

HMPH.

THE FIRST PITCH IS A FORK-BALL!
MIYUKI-KUN MISSED—
A BREAKING BALL RIGHT FROM THE FIRST PITCH..
He's being cautious
OF COURSE. HE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE ANY MORE RUNS!
IT'S JUST... TO AVOID WALKING THE BATTER DUE TO BEING OVER-CAUTIOUS,
THE BATTERY WILL TRY TO GET A GOOD COUNT QUICKLY—
SINCE THE DIFFICULT PITCHES ARE NOT HITTABLE— ...
I'll just swing it short


THE FAST-BALL HE'S USING TO GET A GOOD COUNT
I JUST HAVE TO HIT IT—...
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TOWARDS THE SIDE OF THE RIGHT FIELDER—

There are no runners
He let it
They are unstoppable in this inning too!
Seidou's strong batting lineup is launching their attack against Kantou's number 1 pitcher!
HIRO

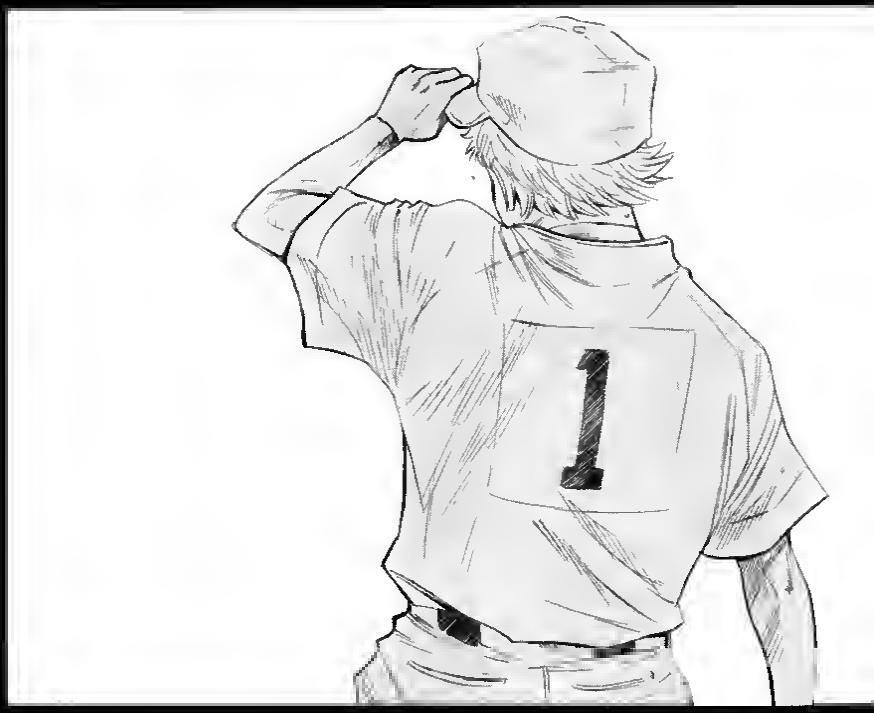
NO OUT, RUNNER AT 2ND BASE
YEEAAAAAHHH!!
SEEMS LIKE THE GAME IS STILL IN OUR FAVOUR SINCE THE PREVIOUS INNING...
I NEVER LANDED SUCH A HIT DURING TRAINING
HAHA, I OUTDID MYSELF
SORRY ABOUT THAT, MEI..

THE NEXT BATTER IS, THE ONE WHO MADE A 2-RUN HIT AND TURNED THE GAME AROUND TODAY.
1ST YEAR LEFT FIELDER FURUYA -KUN.
青道
FURUYA~~~ JUST THROW IT!
I'LL DO SOME-THING ABOUT IT LATER~~~

RIGHT NOW...
IF THEY CAN SEND ACE OFF THE FIELD...
INASHIRO WON ALL THE WAY WITH THEIR ABSOLUTE ACE...
IN CONTRAST, TO SEIDOU WHO HAD WON SO FAR USING THEIR PITCHERS RELAY STRATEGY,
THIS IN-NING...ONE MORE RUN.
IF YOU GUYS WANT TO GO TO KOSHIEN,
THEN GET ONE MORE RUN OFF NARUMIYA——!!

FURUYA-KUN!
NO!!
FURUYA!!
TOSHIBA

ダイヤのA
OI, 1ST YEAR! WHAT'S WITH NARUMIYA?
HASN'T HE WOKEN UP YET!
AH... WE DID TRY TO WAKE HIM UP.
IS HE ALRIGHT...
THE NEW TEAM IS STARTING UP TODAY.
TAKASHIRO



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TSUBASA-KUN!!
TOO-LATE-FOR 3RD-BASE—

1 OUT—
1 OUT! 1 OUT!!
OK OK!!
GET 'EM 1 AT A TIME!
SEIDOU IS ATTACKING HEAD-ON.
IF THEY SLIP UP WITH A BAD SACRIFICIAL BUNT, IT WILL BECOME THE WORST SITUATION.
SO THEY ARE PUTTING THEIR HOPES ON FURUYA-KUN'S LONG HIT.
THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE THE ADVANTAGE IN A GAME...
OR WILL THEY LET THE RUNNER ADVANCE TO 3RD...
YOU DID WELL, FURUYA!
BE MORE CONFI-DENT!!
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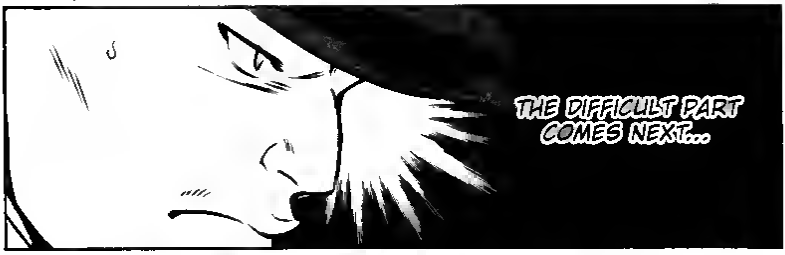
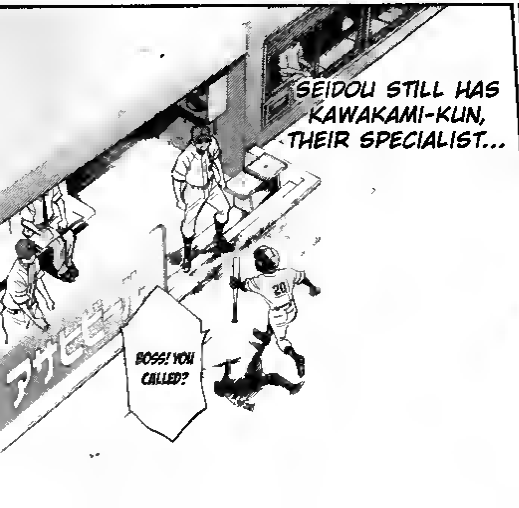
I WON'T LET YOUR DEATH GO TO WASTE!
I'LL DEFINITELY HIT IT——!!


THE DIFFICULT PART COMES NEXT...


SEIDOU STILL HAS KAWAKAMI-KUN, THEIR SPECIALIST...
BOSS! YOU CALLED?

SAWA-MURA!

Good luck!

INASHIRO'S LINEUP CAN'T HIT SAWAMURA-KUN'S PITCHES—...
Should I hit it? A homerun!
WILL THEY SEND IN A PINCH HITTER TO GET RUNS...
OR—
INASHIRO ALSO SENT A MESSENGER TO CALL A 2ND TIMEOUT FOR THEIR DEFENSE.

THIS IS A CRITICAL SITUATION WHERE THEY CAN'T GIVE UP EVEN 1 RUN.
IGUCHI-KUN IS WARMING UP IN THE BULLPEN!
INFIELD-ERS, BRING YOUR DEFENSE FORWARD
YEAH... WATCH FOR A SQUEEZE PLAY.
WE CAN STILL ATTACK IN THE BOTTOM OF THE INNING!!
IF WE PULL THROUGH, WE CAN FOLLOW UP IN THE LAST INNING!!
THAT'S NOT ENOUGH

IT'S NOT HOT ENOUGH...
HOTTER...
...MUCH MORE...
THE MOUND AT KOSHIEN FEELS MUCH HOTTER.

I'M ALWAYS THINKING OF TAKING MY REVENGE AT KOSHIEN...
...
MAYBE YOU'RE THINKING THAT IT'S NO PLACE FOR SOMEONE WHO GAVE UP 4 RUNS TO TALK, BUT...
SOMEHOW... IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE WE'LL LOSE...

I DON'T THINK THAT WE WILL LOSE RIGHT HERE AT ALL...
SEIKO
TOS
RO
SHIRO
西東京
東京

HA-HA... DID THAT MADE YOU GUYS UNEASY?
BECAUSE THE ACE SUDDENLY SAYS SOMETHING LIKE THIS
HE SHOWED...
HIS WEAKNESS...

I CAUSED THE TEAM TROUBLE...
EVEN NOW, THERE ARE TIMES THAT I CAN'T SLEEP—...
WHAT IS NARUMIYA DOING...
THIS IS THE 3RD DAY.
OUR LOSS ISN'T SOLELY HIS FAULT.
I'VE TOLD HIM THAT MANY TIMES, THAT IDIOT!
ウロウロ
IT'S FINE. LEAVE HIM BE.
BUT HE IS THE ACE OF THE NEW TEAM...
COACH! SHOULD I DRAG HIM OUT?
EVEN THE SCHOOL GIRLS CAME TO ASK ME ABOUT HIM!

ON THIS FIELD,
WE DON'T NEED ANYONE WITHOUT FIGHTING SPIRIT...

IT'S BEEN A WEEK.
DO YOU THINK HE WILL QUIT THE CLUB?
ALTHOUGH HIS WILD PITCH WAS THE TURNING POINT.
BUT IT'S JUST 1 PITCH.
BUT THEY SAY THAT GENIUSES ARE UNEXPECTEDLY FRAGILE...
IT IS JUST ONE MISTAKE.

YOU GUYS ARE SO COLD ABOUT IT...
YOU GUYS ARE IN THE SAME YEAR, AT LEAST SAY SOMETHING TO HIM...
...

AH—
MY BODY FEELS HEAVY...
DAMN... I CAN'T SLEEP ANYWAY...
ドン
DON'T MIND, MEI.
IT'S NOT ENTIRELY YOUR FAULT WE LOST.

YOU STILL HAVE 1 MORE YEAR...
WE STILL HAVE 2-INNINGS LEFT!!
...WHAT'S WITH THAT...
IT'S NOT MY FAULT...
JUST BECAUSE I AM A 1ST YEAR?
THEN THIS MEANS RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING...
THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE IN ME...

I'M MORE PISSED AT THAT—...
DAMN...
INSTEAD OF OUR LOSS...
YOU'VE FINALLY CAME OUT OF HIDING
WHAT!?
I KNEW HE WOULDN'T DISAPPEAR JUST LIKE THAT...
I DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO TAKE HIM 10 DAYS

IS THERE ANYONE WHO WOULD PUSH HIMSELF SO MUCH BECAUSE OF 1 MISTAKE...
THE HIGHER THE DAMAGE HE SUFFERS WHEN HE FAILS.
THE HIGHER HIS EXPECTATIONS OF HIMSELF ARE...
バサバサバサ
MAYBE, HE
IS MORE OF A MAN THAN WE EXPECTED.

Alright.
SENDING SAWAMURA-KUN TO BAT RIGHT NOW—!!
THE PERFECT CHANCE FOR SEIDOU TO SCORE A RUN.
TOP OF 9TH, 1 OUT, RUNNER ON 3RD.
Alright
DASH

SENDING SAWAMURA-KUN TO BAT AT THIS POINT...
しゃす
8TH BATTER, PITCHER SAWAMURA-KUN.
PITCHER SAWAMURA-KUN.
SO THIS MEANS SAWAMURA-KUN WILL BE PITCHING FOR THE 9TH INNING—
RELAX YOUR SHOULDERS—...
YES, SIR!
JUST DO WHAT YOU'RE CAPABLE OF...
Slump~

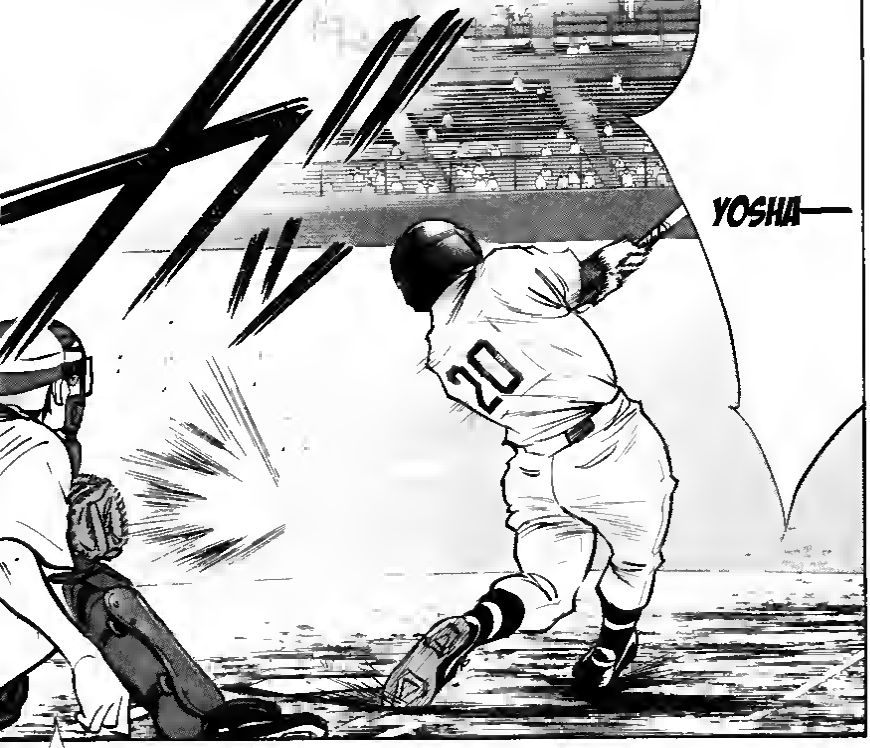
CHAPTER 181 / COME TO A STANDSTILL

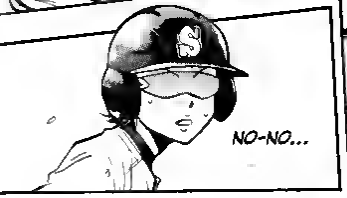
Yeah!
TOP OF 9TH, 1 OUT, RUNNER ON 3RD.
NOT A PINCH HITTER...
BRING IT—
WE WILL DEFEND TO THE END.
THE INFIELDERS ARE READY TO SEND THE BALL BACK HOME.

I DON'T THINK WE WILL LOSE AT ALL...
REALLY... IN THIS SITUATION...
IT DOESN'T MATTER..
WHETHER IT'S PUTTING ON A BOLD FRONT OR OVERCONFIDENCE,
I DON'T THINK WE WILL LOSE.
BECAUSE OUR ACE SAID SO.

OUR ACE—...
1
THE FIRST PITCH IS
A FASTBALL TO THE OUTSIDE CORNER.
THE RUNNER ON 3RD IS IN FULL VIEW OF A LEFT-HANDED BATTER...
THERE'S A HIGH CHANCE THEY WILL GO FOR A SQUEEZE PLAY...

USE IT TO DETERMINE THE BATTER'S INTENTION—
フジテレビ
HMPH.
LISTEN UP...
AT THE FIRST PITCH, SWING AS IF YOU INTENDED TO HIT.
ALL OF YOUR MOVEMENTS AND GESTURES WHEN YOU'RE IN THE BATTER'S BOX WILL BE SCRUTINIZED...





P/N: TYPICAL SIGN FROM THE COACH IN THE DUGOUT TO THE BATTER, "SWING AWAY" MEANS JUST THAT. THE BATTER SHOULD SWING AT ANY GOOD PITCH W/ FULL POWER, IGNORING THE SITUATION ON THE BASES

AH... SO CLOSE... I WANTED TO SWING AND MISS, BUT IT HIT THE BAT...
What will you do if it is a real hit~~
Your role is your role is~~
THIS SHOULD CONFUSE OUR OPPONENT...
NO...
IF YOU WANT TO TAKE THEM ON...
THIS-IS-YOUR CHANCE—

THE TIME TO DO SO IS RIGHT NOW—
2

EVEN SO, THE COACH SENT ME TO PLAY...
I AM LACKING...
IN MANY WAYS...
LIVE UP TO THAT EXPECTATION—
EVEN BY A LITTLE, I WANT TO
Shut up
BRING IT!
YEAH!

I WON'T LET YOU
SCORE EVEN 1 RUN—...
THE RUNNER STARTED OFF!!
TCH

AS EXPECTED, A SQUEEZE PLAY—

HUH? INASHIRO LOST IN THE 3RD ROUND OF THE FALL CHAMPION-SHIP.
TOKYO CAPITAL FALL CHAMPIONSHIP
SUMMER CHAMPION INASHIRO TECHNICAL LOSES IN 3RD ROUND!
AND N. RUMI-Y.? DID THEY SCORE ON HIM?

THERE'S...
NOWHERE TO RUN.

IF THIS CONTINUES, I WON'T BE SATISFIED...
I WANT ALL OF IT—
THE THINGS NECESSARY FOR A PITCHER
HIS UPPER BODY IS OVER-DEVELOPED AND HIS PITCHES ARE A MESS.
HE'S TRYING A LITTLE TOO HARD.
WE HAVE TO SETTLE THIS QUICKLY OR WE WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME FOR THE SUMMER TOURNAMENT.

NO MATTER HOW SELFISH I BECOME—...
IF I CAN TAKE MY REVENGE ON THAT STAGE...
I'LL DO ANYTHING...
HASHIRO

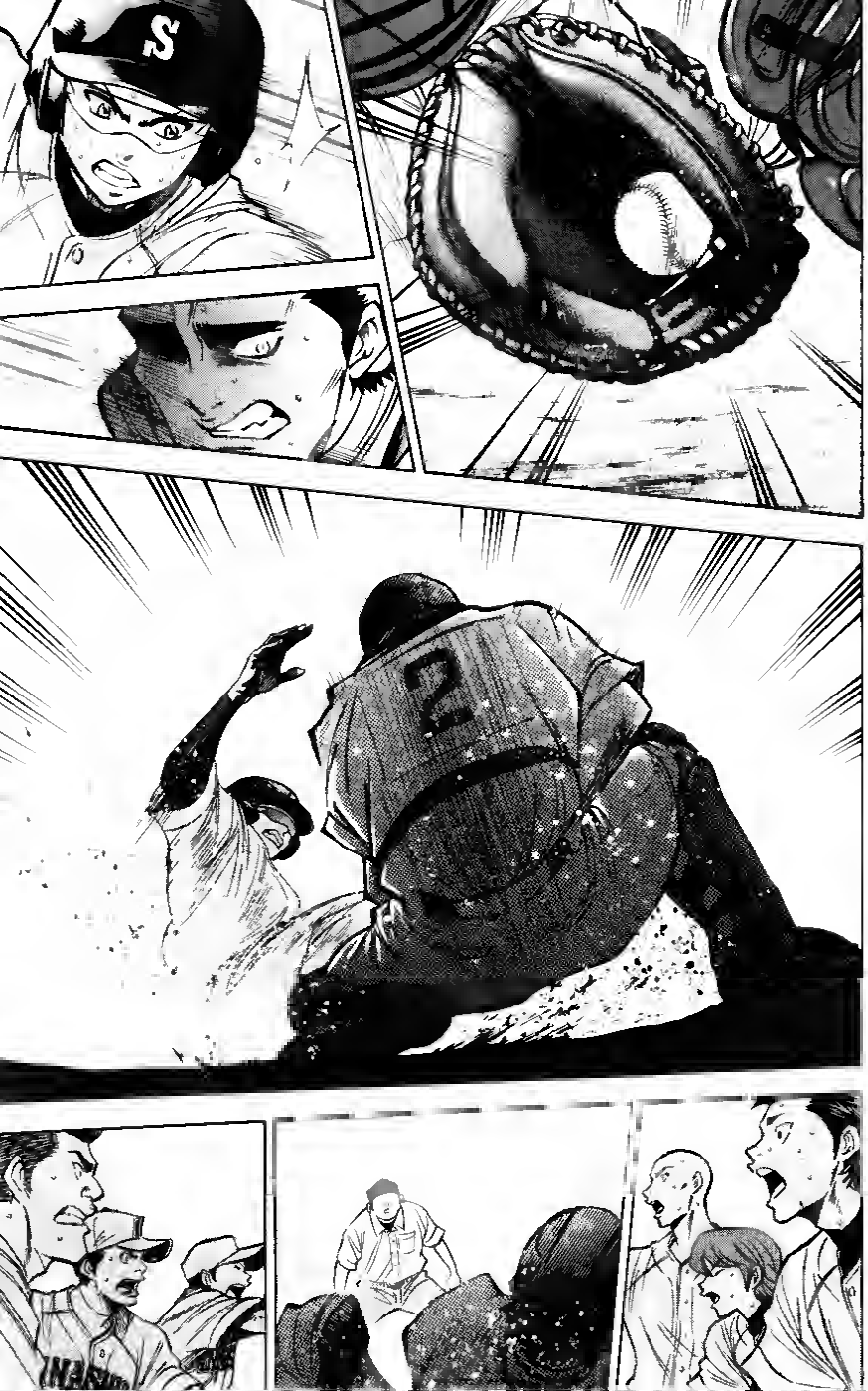
tch
DAMN
MASA-SAN, CAN I PITCH 10 MORE?
HN.
YOU'LL STILL PITCH EVEN IF I REFUSE.
HE RECOVERED FROM HIS BROKEN FORM WITH HIS WILL POWER...
...BUT... MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, WHAT CHANGED WAS...
HMPH.

EACH PITCH—...
HIS OBSESSION WITH EACH PITCH IS NOTHING COMPARED TO BACK THEN—...
LAST 20!
WHY DID IT INCREASE?!
SINCE THAT DAY,
I CAME TO A STAND-STILL...

MY SUMMER CAME TO A STANDSTILL—
HMPH.

YOU GUYS
HAVE NEVER KNOWN THAT STAGE...
EVERYTHING
IS FOR THIS SUMMER...
UNTIL I STAND ON THAT STAGE... ONCE AGAIN...
ONCE AGAIN...
Yeah!

MY SUMMER WILL NOT BEGIN—...
MEI—!!



OUT——!!

CHAPTER 182 / FINAL BATTLE

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TOSHIBA
STRIKE OUT—!!
THE FINAL FINISHING PITCH IS A CHANGEUP!
Yeah!

YEAH! NICE BALL!!
NICE PITCH, MEI—!!
NARU-MIYA!
ASHIRO
ASHIRO
NARUMI-YA—
MEI-KUN.
THEIR OVERWHELMING-LY SPIRITED PLAY BEAT THE SQUEEZE PLAY.
SEIDOU IS HELD SCORELESS—

FOR THE ACE WHO PITCHED ALL 9 INNINGS,
THE AUDIENCE IS GIVING HIM A HUGE ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
パチパチパチ
1

パチパチパチパチ
NARUMI-YA-KUN!
MEI——!!
パチパチパチ
パチパチパチパチ
パチパチ
1
ドキン

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME...
I'VE SEEN MEI MADE THAT KIND OF FACE...
....
WE WON'T LET
TURN THE GAME AROUND INTO A VICTORY THAT
SAKAI!
REPLACE FURUYA!
PLAY LEFT FIELD.
YES, SIR!
....

SAWA-MURA!
KAWAKAMI WILL BE PITCHING AFTER YOU.
KAWA-KAMI!
BE READY TO GO AT ANY TIME!
YES SIR!!
PITCH IT YOUR WAY!
LISTEN UP! OUR OPPONENT IS DESPERATE TO SCORE RUNS.
GET OUTS ONE BY ONE CAREFULLY.
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN UNTIL THE VERY LAST MOMENT!

YES, SIR!
THIS YEAR, INASHIRO IS A STRONGER TEAM THAN THEY WERE LAST YEAR..
AND YOU BACKED THAT TEAM INTO A CORNER...
THIS IS WHAT I THOUGHT.

SHOW SOME PRIDE AND CONFIDENCE,
BRING ON A MAGNIFICENT PLAY—...

It's much to bear with
Please use this

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BASE-BALL CHAMPI-ONSHIP, WEST TOKYO FINALS
THE AUDIENCE IS GIVING A HUGE ROUND OF APPLAUSE
YEAH!
TO THE SEIDOU 9 FOR THEIR LAST DEFENSE—
WITH SEIDOU LEADING BY 1 RUN, WE ARE NOW AT THE BOTTOM OF THE 9TH—...
SEIKO
TOSHIBA

KOSHIEN IS JUST 3 OUTS AWAY.
Yeargh!
CAN SEIDOU FINALLY GRASP THE TICKET TO KOSHIEN AFTER 6 YEARS?

YEAH!
AND THIS IMPORTANT MOUND IS ENTRUSTED TO

1ST YEAR PITCHER
SAWAMURA EIJUN.
20
I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO STAY IN THE GAME UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT.
A FEARLESS GUY LIKE HIM JUST MIGHT WIN THIS GAME
COACH!!
ARE YOU INSANE?
EIJUN...

FINISH IT HERE!
YOU GUYS!
Damn!
7TH
THE 9TH BATTER IS THE LEADOFF HITTER...
YEAH... IT'S HARD TO TELL IF THEY GOT ON BASE.
PASSED
...
AS EXPECTED, SAWAMURA-KUN IS PITCHING
HE SET THE PACE...
SEEMS LIKE IF EVEN A SINGLE PLAYER GETS ON BASE, THEY WOULD SUB IN KAWAKAMI.
TO FORTIFY THEIR DEFENSE...
THEY TOOK LEFT FIELDER FURUYA-KUN OFF THE FIELD
7
HEY CHEER!

SEIDOU IS FOCUSING ALL THEIR POWER
TO DEFEND THEIR ONE-RUN LEAD.
フー
ドサヒビール

Do you want to change your undershirt?
HOW IS IT? IS THE IMAGE OF VICTORY ENGRAVED IN YOUR MIND?
YES, SIR!
THAT 1ST YEAR PITCHER
ALTHOUGH WE DON'T HAVE MUCH INFORMATION ON HIM AND HIS PITCHES ARE TRICKIER THAN EXPECTED...

YOU ARE NOT COMPLETELY HELPLESS AGAINST HIS PITCHES.
IF YOU STAY CALM WHILE ATTACKING, HIS WEAKNESS WILL BE EXPOSED!!
20
ALSO, THEY WILL DEFINITELY SEND KAWA-KAMI IN IF THEY TRUST HIM
アサヒヒール
BUT IF THEY DON'T DO SO,
THIS MEANS THEY ARE SOMEWHAT UNEASY WITH THEIR PITCHER RELAY.

LISTEN UP! WE DON'T NEED 2 RUNS!
GETTING 1 RUN IS GOOD ENOUGH!!

IF WE CAN EXTEND THIS MATCH, WE WILL WIN FOR SURE!
T/N: IF THEY TIED AFTER THE 9 INNINGS, THEY WILL PLAY EXTRA INNINGS.

ダイヤのA
SEEKING THEIR 2ND CONSECUTIVE CHAMPION TITLE THIS SUMMER
THE WILLPOWER AND PRIDE OF LAST YEAR'S CHAMPION!!
ASHIRA

BOTTOM OF THE 9TH, INASHIRO'S LAST TURN AT BAT.
UP NEXT IS THEIR TRUMP CARD PINCH HITTER
2ND YEAR YABE-KUN.
しゃあ
THEY REPLACED LEFT-HANDED BATTER FUJIKAWA-KUN WITH A RIGHT-HANDED BATTER.
A POWERFUL HIT MIGHT END UP IN YOUR DIRECTION, MASUKO-SENPAI..
IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, HE SPECIALIZES IN HITTING INSIDE PITCHES..
SEIKO
TOSHIBA
KIRIN
TOKYO
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THE FIRST PITCH IS IMPORTANT...
THE WORST IS WALKING THE LEAD-OFF HITTER...

WE DON'T NEED 2 RUNS...
GETTING ONE RUN IS GOOD ENOUGH—...
DO IT YOUR WAY!! TAKE!!
NASHIRO
GET THE FIRST PITCH!!!
WE WILL WIN FOR SURE—...
IF WE CAN EXTEND THE MATCH,
I WILL CONNECT FOR SURE—...
20
YEAH!

LET IT END LIKE THIS...
WE'RE NOT A TEAM TO...
目標は あくまで 日本の頂点！
とりあえず 勝算はっと言います!!
I WON'T LET IT END
TOSHIBA

SAFETY BUNT!!
TOKYO
TO THIRD!!
CATCH!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT MY FORM...
AS LONG AS I GET ON BASE...

IT CAN CONNECT TO THE NEXT PLAYER—...
IT'S A FOUL!
YABE WHAT A SHAME
TOKYO

Damn
NICE FIGHT, YABE—!!
Damn
パチパチ
WAY TO GO, YABE!
パチパチ
ドクン
ドクン
YEAH!
THAT'S RIGHT...
THIS IS A MATCH...

20
OF VICTORY AND DEFEAT
A SERIOUS MATCH
THE ONLY WAY TO SURVIVE
IS TO DEFEAT THE OPPONENT.

LOSING IS UNACCEPTABLE.
...NO WAY...

I WON'T LOSE TO ANYONE WHEN IT COMES TO SPIRIT—
ズザザ

HARUCCHI!!

DON'T WAIT FOR IT.
OR WAIT FOR IT?
A SLIGHT REBOUND...
SHOULD I MOVE IN...
GO FOR IT—

UWO HHH!
UWOH!

OUT——!!
NASHIRO

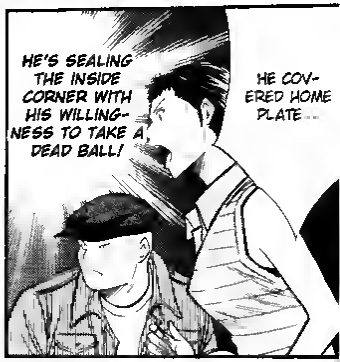
THIS SHOULD PUT THEM AT EASE CONSIDERABLY.
YEAH! THEY GOT THE LEADOFF BATTER—
YEAH.. ALTHOUGH IT WAS A DIFFICULT HIT, HE DEALT WITH
THAT 2ND BASEMAN IS GOOD.
1 OUT!
1 OUT!
2 MORE TO GO—
1 OUT
1 OUT!

THE ORDER GOES BACK TO THE TOP OF THE LINEUP.
CENTER FIELDER CARLOS-KUN.
INASHIRO
西東京
WHAT A GREAT SECRET WEAPON.
TAKING DOWN YABE WITH AN INSIDE PITCH...
BUT I WON'T LET YOU HAVE IT.
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!
WILL THIS GAME END BY STRIKING OUT INASHIRO'S PRIDED 1ST AND 2ND BATTERS?
OR INCREASE THEIR CHANCE FOR A COMEBACK—

I GAVE UP ON A NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL LIFE...
AND DEVOTED MY ENTIRE LIFE TO BASE-BALL.
KOSHIEN IS THE ONLY THING I WON'T GIVE UP ON.
WASHIRO
I WANT THE FRUITS OF MY EFFORTS!
I WANT TO WIN.
I WORKED HARD UP TO THIS POINT.

THIS GUY...

ドクン!


HE'S SEALING THE INSIDE CORNER WITH HIS WILLINGNESS TO TAKE A DEAD BALL!
HE COVERED HOME PLATE...

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TETSUYA FUJIKAWA

試合が後半になってくると、どうしても
1話20ページじゃ足りなくなる……。
ページを増やすと自分の首をしめるし……。
でもどうせならここまで読んでもらいたいじ。
少しでも多くの人に届くといいなあ……。

寺嶋裕二